

III. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims according to the following:

Immediately preceding the claims insert.

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of transferring a multimedia message in a multimedia messaging system, which comprises a terminal and a multimedia messaging centre, ~~which are arranged to~~ communicate with each other at least partially wirelessly, the multimedia messaging centre being arranged to receive multimedia messages, addressed to the terminal, and to transmit a notification message to the terminal to inform it the terminal of a multimedia message addressed to the terminal ~~which that~~ has arrived at the multimedia messaging centre, wherein the method comprises:

transmitting a first message wirelessly from the terminal to the multimedia messaging centre, the first message requesting the multimedia messaging centre to transmit a notification message to the terminal ~~en for~~ multimedia messages addressed to the terminal, ~~which that~~ have arrived at the multimedia messaging centre and ~~en for~~ which the terminal has not received a notification message yet, wherein said first message comprises an option to define a selection criterion so as to limit information to be sent in response to said first message.

2. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said first message requests the multimedia messaging centre to transmit a notification message to the terminal ~~en for~~ multimedia

messages, addressed to the terminal, ~~which that~~ have arrived at the multimedia messaging centre and ~~on for~~ which the terminal has not received a notification message ~~which has already been~~ transmitted from the multimedia messaging centre.

3. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the method further also comprises:

receiving the first message transmitted by the terminal at the multimedia messaging centre;

determining at the multimedia messaging centre whether there are multimedia messages addressed to the terminal at the multimedia messaging centre ~~on for~~ which the terminal has not received a notification message yet;

transmitting a second message from the multimedia messaging centre to the terminal in response to the first message, the second message containing the notification messages ~~on for~~ said multimedia messages ~~on for~~ which the terminal has not received a notification message yet.

4. (Original) A method according to claim 3, wherein the method further comprises:

receiving the second message at the terminal, which has been transmitted by the multimedia messaging service and contains said notification messages;

transmitting a third message from the terminal to the multimedia messaging centre in response to said second message, the third message indicating to the multimedia messaging centre the terminal's desire to fetch the multimedia message on which a

notification message was transmitted to the terminal in said second message.

5. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 4, wherein the method further comprises:

receiving the third message transmitted by the terminal at the multimedia messaging centre;

transmitting a fourth message from the multimedia messaging centre to the terminal in response to said third message, the fourth message containing the multimedia message which the terminal desires ~~desire to fetch of which the terminal has as~~ indicated in said third message.

6. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 5, wherein the terminal and the multimedia messaging centre comprise a protocol stack and a multimedia application on top of it, and said first, second, third and fourth ~~message~~ messages are transmitted at the level of the multimedia application, the messages then being independent of the implementation of the protocol stack below the multimedia application.

7. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 3, wherein it is determined, at the multimedia messaging centre, whether the multimedia messaging centre has multimedia messages, addressed to the terminal, ~~on~~ for which the terminal has not received a notification message, by investigating whether the multimedia messaging centre has received an acknowledgement to the notification message from the terminal.

8. (Currently Amended) A multimedia messaging centre for transferring a multimedia message in a system, which comprises a

terminal ~~(MS)~~ and a multimedia messaging centre ~~(MMSC)~~, which are arranged to communicate with each other at least partially wirelessly, the multimedia messaging centre being arranged to receive multimedia messages, addressed to the terminal, and to transmit a notification message to the terminal to inform ~~it~~ the terminal of a multimedia message addressed to the terminal which has arrived at the multimedia messaging centre, wherein ~~it~~ the multimedia message center comprises:

means for receiving a first message transmitted by the terminal, the first message requesting the multimedia messaging centre to transmit a notification message to the terminal ~~on~~ for multimedia messages addressed to the terminal ~~which~~ that have arrived at the multimedia messaging centre and ~~on~~ for which the terminal has not received a notification message yet; and

means for determining whether there are multimedia messages, addressed to the terminal, at the multimedia messaging centre ~~on~~ for which the terminal has not received a notification message yet.

9. (Currently Amended) A terminal ~~(MS)~~ which is arranged to function in a system ~~which~~ that comprises a terminal and a multimedia messaging centre (MMSC), ~~which are~~ arranged to communicate with each other, at least partially wirelessly, the multimedia messaging centre being arranged to receive multimedia messages, addressed to the terminal, and transmit a notification message to the terminal to inform ~~it~~ the terminal of a multimedia message addressed to the terminal ~~which~~ that has arrived at the multimedia messaging centre, wherein the terminal comprises:

means ~~(CPU, MEM, SW, RF, ANT)~~ for transmitting a first message wirelessly from the terminal to the multimedia messaging centre, the first message requesting the multimedia messaging centre to transmit a notification message to the terminal ~~on-for~~ multimedia messages addressed to the terminal ~~which-that~~ have arrived at the multimedia messaging centre and ~~on-for~~ which the terminal has not received a notification message yet, wherein said first message comprises an option to define a selection criterion so as to limit information to be sent in response to said first message.

10. (Currently Amended) A system for transferring a multimedia message, the system comprising a terminal ~~(MS)~~ and a multimedia messaging centre ~~(MMSC)~~, which are arranged to communicate with each other, at least partially wirelessly, the multimedia messaging centre being arranged to receive multimedia messages, addressed to the terminal, and to transmit a notification message to the terminal to inform it-the terminal of a multimedia message addressed to the terminal which-that has arrived at the multimedia messaging centre, wherein the system comprises:

means for transmitting ~~(CPU, MEM, SW, RF, ANT)~~ a first message, wirelessly from the terminal to the multimedia messaging centre, the first message requesting the multimedia messaging centre to transmit a notification message to the terminal ~~on-for~~ multimedia messages addressed to the terminal ~~which-that~~, have arrived at the multimedia messaging centre, and ~~on-for~~ which the terminal has not received a notification message yet, wherein said first message comprises an option to define a selection criterion so as to limit information to be sent in response to said first message.

11.(New) A method according to claim 1, wherein the selection criterion defines that notification message(s) for only those multimedia messages for which notification message(s) has not been successfully transmitted are requested.

12.(New) A multimedia messaging centre according to claim 8, wherein said first message comprises an option to define a selection criterion so as to limit information to be sent in response to said first message, and wherein the multimedia messaging centre is arranged to select information to be sent in return based on said selection criterion.

13.(New) A multimedia messaging centre according to claim 12, wherein the selection criterion is definable so that said first message requests notification message(s) to be sent concerning only those multimedia messages for which notification message(s) has not been successfully transmitted, and wherein the multimedia messaging centre is arranged to handle and respond to said first message containing the selection criterion defined this way.

14.(New) A terminal according to claim 9, wherein the terminal is arranged to request, with said first message and using said selection criterion, notification messages concerning only those multimedia messages for which notification messages has not been successfully transmitted.

15.(New) A computer program product executable in a multimedia messaging centre for transferring a multimedia message in a system, which comprises a terminal and a multimedia messaging centre, which are arranged to communicate with each other at

least partially wirelessly, the multimedia messaging centre being arranged to receive multimedia messages addressed to the terminal and transmit a notification message to the terminal to inform it of a multimedia message addressed to the terminal which has arrived at the multimedia messaging centre, wherein the computer program product comprises:

program code for causing the multimedia messaging centre to receive and handle a first message transmitted by the terminal, the first message requesting the multimedia messaging centre to transmit a notification message to the terminal on multimedia messages addressed to the terminal which have arrived at the multimedia messaging centre and on which the terminal has not received a notification message yet; and

program code for determining whether there are multimedia messages addressed to the terminal at the multimedia messaging centre on which the terminal has not received a notification message yet.

16. (New) A computer program product according to claim 15, wherein said first message comprises an option to define a selection criterion so as to limit information to be sent in response to said first message, and wherein the computer program product has program code for selecting information to be sent in return based on said selection criterion.

17. (New) A computer program product executable in a terminal which is arranged to function in a system which comprises a terminal and a multimedia messaging centre, which are arranged to communicate with each other at least partially wirelessly, the multimedia messaging centre being arranged to receive multimedia

messages addressed to the terminal and transmit a notification message to the terminal to inform it of a multimedia message addressed to the terminal which has arrived at the multimedia messaging centre, wherein the computer program product comprises:

program code for causing the terminal to transmit a first message wirelessly from the terminal to the multimedia messaging centre, the first message requesting the multimedia messaging centre to transmit a notification message to the terminal on multimedia messages addressed to the terminal which have arrived at the multimedia messaging centre and on which the terminal has not received a notification message yet, and

program code for defining a selection criterion in said first message to limit information to be sent in response to said first message.